

Interview Summary

Application No.

09/808,703

Applicant(s)

SQUIRES, TROY

Examiner

Abraham Bahta

Art Unit

1775

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Abraham Bahta.

(3)_____.

(2) Russel Scott.

(4)_____.

Date of Interview: 13 November 2002.

Type: a)☒ Telephonic b)☐ Video Conference

c)☐ Personal [copy given to: 1)☐ applicant 2)☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d)☐ Yes e)☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: of record.

Identification of prior art discussed: EP 0452529 A1.

Agreement with respect to the claims f)☐ was reached. g)☒ was not reached. h)☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Counsel urges the EP '529 does not teach the layers cited in the present claims and that the layers are in one unit and further, the EP reference does not mention regarding a filter layer. The Examiner contended that the layers are taught by the EP reference and that an article which has formely been formed in two pieices and put together involves only routine skill in the art.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i)☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview(if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Council called the Examiner on 03/17/03 and requested a telephone interview. The Examiner called back the applicant on 03/18/03 and discussed regarding the last office action and affidavit filed by the applicant. Also, discussed regarding the filtering layer and that the Examiner explained use of filtering layer in an artificial turf is well known. Council asked the Examiner if the Examiner see allowable subject matter. Examiner contends there is no allowable subject matter at this time. Council will file a written response to the final rejection..